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CURRENT COMMENT.

The Maryland Treasurer's shortage has been estimated at \$127,000.

The new extradition treaty with Great Britain was promulgated on the 29th.

The Grand Army of the Republic has purchased a tract of land comprising the Cedar Creek battle ground, near Winchester, Va.

The general passenger agents of the Western roads have adopted an agreement for the reorganization of the Western States Passenger Association.

Prof. Richard Owen and another man drank embalming fluid at New Harmony, Ind., recently, supposing it to be mineral water, and the other was reported dying.

A bold attempt was recently made at Okla. Mich. to abduct Florence Nightingale, aged eighteen. She was gagged and bound when rescued by a Mrs. Black as her assailants fled.

General Boulanger has written a letter in which he renounces his offer to return to France providing the Government will permit him to be tried by the court of appeals or by a martial court.

Chief Mays and ex-Chief Bushyhead were before the Cherokee Commission at Washington recently. A willingness was indicated to sell the Strip, the main trouble being the conditions.

James Tuthill, a reputable and pious citizen for several years of Montclair, N. J., turns out to be a burglar. He and his wife were arrested on the steps of the First National Bank at Chicago recently. The woman claimed that he had married her.

Postmaster-General Wasmann has received a consensual contribution of \$1,000 from an unknown person in New York City. The sender said he had once defrauded the Government, but had since become a Christian.

A cablegram has been received from St. Thomas, St. Domingo, stating that a political revolution had broken out and that a battle had been fought in St. Thomas. It also stated that the trouble which was at first thought to be insignificant has spread over the entire island.

The New York grand jury handed a long presentment to Judge Fitzgerald, in which the sheriff's office is characterized as "a disgrace to this city and a shame to civilization." Judge Fitzgerald told the foreman of the jury he would send copies of the indictment to the Governor and the Legislature.

Final steps in the reorganization of the American cotton oil trust have been taken, and the New York Stock Exchange has admitted to dealings common and exchange stocks. All other corporations. The American Cotton Oil Company now owns about \$41,500,000 of certificates of the American oil trust of a total issue of \$42,185,000.

Major George Chisman, Jacob Wisler and Mr. Prince, representing the Farmers' Alliance of the United States, have concluded to establish an agricultural works at Iron Gate, Allegany County, Va. The works will employ from 350 to 500 hands and their products will go to every suburban place in the country, representing 4,000,000 people.

The University and the College of Husbandry at Moscow have been closed by the Russian Government on account of the recent disorders among the students. Six hundred students attending the institution have been sent to the military barracks. The disorders at the college were due to the arbitrary action of the director, who prohibited the circulation among the students of the "Kreutzer Sonata," a work of Count Tolstoy, the social reformer.

Representative Perkins has introduced a bill authorizing the President in his discretion to allot the Indians in severalty on reservations which may be agricultural lands. He also introduced a bill to pay \$10,000 to the widow of Black Beaver, the famous Delaware scout, for his services in guiding Major Emory's troops in their celebrated march from the Indian country to Fort Leavenworth at the breaking out of the civil war.

The Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee have recently in secret session discussing the tariff bill. A number of changes in regard to minor articles were made, but the members of the committee did not care to have these made public before the bill is reported to the full committee. Considerable attention was given to nickel and it was finally decided to place it on the dutiable list. The existing law and the proposed bill provided that it be admitted free of duty.

The House Committee on Invalid Pensions has authorized a favorable report on a bill to increase the pension of a sailor who has been wounded in service and received more than one wound, where one of such wounds amounts to a total disability and the other wounds create a disability, such person shall receive a pension to be rated without regard to rank for each wound received. It is provided, however, that the amount of pension any one person shall receive shall not exceed \$22 per month.

Two Mexican fishermen at Corpus Christi, Tex., recently and on other parts of the Gulf of Mexico, were found with a large number of dead birds, which they had killed for the purpose of selling them as curiosities. It was found that the birds had been killed by the use of a small amount of strychnine.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Glenn by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESS.

After the introduction of resolutions on the 25th the Senate took up, considered and passed the bill to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to gather full information as to the condition and production of the fur seal in Alaska. The Anti-Trust bill was taken up and its consideration continued until adjournment. Immediately after the Journal was read the House proceeded to consider the Working's Fair bill. Various amendments were offered to the bill and one finally adopted postponing the time for holding the fair to 1900. The bill was finally passed as amended by 202 yeas to 20 nays. No other business was transacted in the House.

In the Senate on the 26th Mr. Sherman reported a substitute for the first section of the bill for the admission of Wyoming as a State. The Senate then took up the bill and it was passed by 20 yeas to 20 nays. The House devoted the entire day to consideration of the bill for the admission of Wyoming as a State. The bill was finally passed as amended by 202 yeas to 20 nays. No other business was transacted in the House.

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The Chicago & Alton road has given notice of proposed reduction in the rate on lumber to 10 cents per cwt. from Chicago to Kansas City. The former rate was 15 cents.

The anti-slavery conference at Brussels the English delegates proposed the prohibition of the sale of alcohol in the interior of Africa. All the delegates except the German members supported the proposal.

W. T. Yankus, of Burlington, Kan., charged with forgery, has been remanded at London, Ont., at the request of his counsel, who desired to present evidence in his defense.

A fire loss of Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tenn., fared badly by the storm. A negro woman was killed outright by falling walls and a number of persons were injured.

Patience Botkin, on trial for rape at Raleigh, N. C., has been finally acquitted. He had been convicted and sentenced to death, but obtained a new trial.

Thirty thousand workmen in the factories in Catalonia, Spain, have gone out on a strike. A conference is being held with a view to an adjustment. The strikers are quiet.

The strike in the iron mines of the Kentucky Legislature providing for a fine of \$500 and imprisonment for six months for false timing at trotting courses.

Firefight train No. 57, from Evansville, ran at full speed into a large tree blown by the storm across the track just above Schreder, Ky., and was totally wrecked. Engineer Peter Burns, fireman Bridges and brakeman Powell were killed.

The town of Mitchell's Station, ten miles from Culpeper, Va., has been almost totally destroyed by fire. The fire started in the mill and a heavy gale carried the flames to the Virginia Midland railroad depot and the houses around it. Insurance trifling.

Five Finnish miners were recently caught by a cave-in at the Prince of Wales mines, Marquette, Mich. The miners gave way and let down tons of ore and rock upon them. Two only escaped.

Assault on police authorities state that there was absolutely no truth in the story that Bridget Sweeney, an old and trusted servant, had confessed to having caused the recent fire at Secretary Tracy's house.

Chicago house returns for the week ended March 29 showed an average decrease of 4.6 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York there was a decrease of 0.5.

London Stock Exchange, as usual, as the Continental houses were reported as being disturbed by German affairs. A nervous and uneasy feeling prevailed.

No one was killed at the recent fire at the Prince of Wales mines, Marquette, Mich. The storm did not damage the mines, but the town was not in the direct path of the cyclone.

A French gunboat has been sunk at Bechofort by collision with a man-of-war.

The British steamer Gulf of Aden, bound for Chili, has been lost at sea. One hundred of people have arrived at the Cape Verde Islands. Two other boats were missing.

The expenses of the extra session of the Tennessee Legislature will be borne by voluntary subscriptions of the city of Memphis. The session being called for the purpose of extending the city's limits.

The belated steamship City of Paris was delayed at Queenstown on the 30th. The delay was caused by the breakdown of the starboard engine.

A balloon, containing an army captain, a lieutenant and a private, who were making an experiment in aerial navigation, collapsed while over the forest of Schirm, in Posen, Germany. The private was killed and both of the captain's legs were broken. The lieutenant escaped with slight injuries.

Young farmer named William Aldridge was burned to death in a fire at the Central Hotel, Paris, Tex., early the other morning.

The deaths by the terrible storm at Louisville were thought to number about 100. In other parts of Kentucky many lives were lost, the section around Clay alone furnishing 50 deaths.

Four persons have been arrested for causing the fire in North street, Boston, two months ago by which twelve lives were lost. They did it to obtain insurance money.

MURDERED AND MUTILATED.

Shocking Discovery on the River Bank at Leavenworth.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 31.—Two boys found on the river shore this morning at eight o'clock, a mile and a half miles south of Atwood, and were afterward joined by their father and mother, two sisters and Joe.

In 1877 the mother died suddenly and was buried by the family in great haste, neighbors knowing nothing of the affair until after the burial. This excited much comment, but they were ignorant and unlearned in American customs.

About a year later the father disappeared and a few general weeks before it was known in the neighborhood. When the children were asked of his whereabouts they said he had gone back to Bohemia and that he had started on foot.

December 31, 1889, Mary, the wife of Groceries Chleboard, whipped Joe severely. He complained to a neighbor boy, saying that if they punished him again that (Joe) would tell how Groceries and Mary had killed his mother. It is supposed that this threat reached Groceries and his wife. On the morning of December 28, Mary went to a neighbor's, Hosenack, and while there got a couple of apples, one of which she ate herself, bringing the other home to Joe. It was now about twelve o'clock.

Joe went to do the chores. Groceries soon followed them and Joe was told that there was an apple in the house on the table for him, and boylike, he went and ate the apple. He then went to bed and was found dead in his bed.

The police are working diligently and doing every thing possible to expose the murderer.

The funeral of the murdered woman occurred from the German Catholic Church yesterday, attracting a large congregation, many of whom went with the hope of seeing the husband of the deceased, who is suspected of being guilty of the murder and butchery.

When the funeral services were being held at the church Chief of Police Doane, Officers Murphy and McFarland, accompanied by a reporter, visited the Nettman house, with the view of making a more thorough search of the premises than had hitherto been made.

In the summer kitchen, now used for the storeroom, the officers discovered two large pools of apparently fresh blood in close proximity, each being about a foot square and a foot deep. Close by were scattered drops of what seemed to be human blood, and the officers felt that they had made a discovery that would unravel the mystery surrounding the case.

A land saw was also found, near the handle of which there appeared to be a sprinkling of blood. Two sheets and some towels were also found scattered about the room.

Those who were used by the physician at the post mortem examination Saturday afternoon, and no significance was attached to this fact.

The test of blood and the supposed blood on the saw handle was the only evidence that the officers could find tending to confirm their suspicions as to the part Nettman is supposed to have played in the crime.

Dr. Thomas, who assisted in the post-mortem examination, says that it was found the deceased had two bad fractures of the skull, one behind the head and the other over the forehead. In either of these fractures would have proven fatal, life might have remained for twenty-four hours, and the doctor thinks it probable the bullet was fired from a distance of about twenty feet.

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THE CHLEBOARDS.

Members of a Bohemian Family Poisoned by Strychnine.

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BURYING THE DEAD.

A Sad Burial at Louisville—Disaster at Other Places.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 31.—All Saturday night the search parties continued their work in the debris of the destroyed houses and the sound of rattling wagons rose out of every street. Carpenters and tinners worked like beavers the whole day trying to repair broken roofs and strengthen dangerous weak walls. Dangles of linens were getting the tangled and broken wires of the telephone and telegraph out of the way of further repairs.

Meanwhile the solemn tolling of church bells, the frequent passing of laden hearse and long lines of funeral carriages gave note to the hurrying crowd that the tornado's victims were passing to their last abode.

Catholic churches by competent undertakers and salvage agents are nearly agreed that the damage to buildings of all classes, to domestic goods and commercial stocks will aggregate close to \$1,000,000, with a liberal allowance for rebuilding and repairs. The main point of comfort, though, is that the loss of life will not prove nearly so great as first supposed. At a late hour yesterday the bodies of three persons were taken from the ruins during the whole of yesterday.

The work of burying the dead went on with almost systematic briskness yesterday. All of the hearse in the city were taxed to their utmost. One procession contained five hearses, conveying the bodies of the unfortunate laundry girls, Maggie McCreary, Mary Ryan, Bridget Crow, Maggie Campbell and Mary McGinty, whose funeral services were held at the Cathedral at the same time.

Every building that was the scene of the disaster was the scene of a funeral. Undertakers were the rule and two hearses were allowed to each funeral. Even with this arrangement the facilities were inadequate and the electric street cars were crowded to the limit.

The cemetery was called into requisition as a more rapid means of funeral conveyance.

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STRICKEN LOUISVILLE.

The Tornado's Terrible Work in the Falls City.

Warehouses, Public Buildings and Residential Homes Wrecked and Scores of People Killed or Injured.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 31.—Between eight and nine o'clock Thursday night a tornado struck this city from the south, extending northward, leaving a wide path of destruction everywhere. Outside of the clearly defined limits of the destruction the people knew only of a heavy rain accompanied by a high wind. Soon came the alarm of fire from a fire building, and the whole of the city of the calamity began to dawn on the people.

Great stone warehouses, halls of amusement, railroad stations and dwelling houses all were down before the mighty powers of the air. The storm soon passed on, the clouds scattered and the moon cast its light over a sorely stricken city. Relief parties were soon organized and the whole of the city of the calamity began to dawn on the people.

The wrecked part of the city lies between Eighteenth, Broadway, Seventh and Main streets, the storm passing diagonally across the section, which is probably a mile square.

At least 200 houses are in ruins. The buildings on Main street, from Eighth to Fourteenth, are in ruins, not one of the houses, whole or in part, being left and all the tobacco warehouses being swept away.

On Market street, Falls City Hall, a four-story building, was blown down with several Masonic and Knights of Honor lodges were in session.

One hundred men and women were buried in the ruins.

Every other house on Market, Jefferson and Walnut streets, from Eleventh to Sixteenth, is in ruins. Parkland, a suburb, was swept away.

At the Union Depot, at the foot of Seventh street, the Chesapeake & Ohio train for Washington was just starting, filled with passengers. The building was prostrated, crashing in on the train. All the passengers, however, were rescued except one newsboy.

Probably the greatest loss of life occurred at the Falls City Hall, which was the center of the tornado. In the lower story of the hall were 500 children, with their mothers and other relatives, taking dancing lessons. There were not less than 125 persons on the lower floor, and 75 more attending a lodge meeting in the upper floors when the terrible wind swept down upon the building. The entire structure, in less than five minutes, was a shapeless mass of brick and mortar, burying 300 helpless victims, of which number few escaped unhurt.

Conservative estimates place the loss of life at this point at 100, while other reports indicate the number to be nearer 300.

At three o'clock a. m. 35 dead bodies had been taken from this ruin and 15 wounded and dying. Only those on the third floor had been reached, the pupils and visitors not yet being opened. Immediately upon the burst of the cyclone the fire bells sounded and the police went to work. In ten minutes the storm was over and the Falls City Hall was a mass of ruins. The walls of the adjoining houses were first propped up, and then began the work of cutting through the heavy slate roof that covered all. At first the work was done by hand, but later on the use of the anxious multitude that thronged the wreck to view the ruin. Women were found digging at the slate with their fingers, craved at the groans beyond, and the work was done with the aid of the debris.

The work of excavating was then moved from the rear of the building to the front, where it was supposed the steeper cross wall was situated. As soon as the roof was removed and the mass of brick beneath the first sight that met the eyes was a thing but a heap of ruins. Ten women looked in each room, and the bodies of the dead were all dead but one. James Hassen, whose wife had been at the lodge meeting, was foremost in the work and the first person whom he drew out of the wreckage. He was found in the arms of his wife, who was dead. He was found in the arms of his wife, who was dead. He was found in the arms of his wife, who was dead.

Within the next hour thirty men and women were drawn out of the ruin with no wounds on their bodies, and it is thought that all met their death from suffocation.

At twelve o'clock the opening up of a portion of the debris of the Falls City Hall caused a draught to penetrate the ruins, whereupon the smoldering fire broke out with tremendous fierceness. It spread rapidly and forced the workers to desert the pile. As soon as the fire men had been driven away from the ruins the imprisoned people became shrieks, and so great was the horror of the scene that the brave men who were there to help the victims were unable to do so.

Seven men were found in the ruins, and the loss of life is conjectured to be correspondingly large.